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FOR: INTERNAL FIREWALL FOR A PERSONAL COMPUTER TO DENY ACCESS BY A

NETWORK TO A USER'S SECURE PORTION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

January 25, 2006

Assistant Commissioner For Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, please amend the above-captioned application in the following manner.

Please delete the first paragraph (the priority information) of the specification and replace it with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of Application 09/320,660 filed May 27, 1999 (Patent 6,167,428). Application No. 09/320,660 is a continuation of Int'l Application PCT/US97/21812 filed November 28, 1997. PCT/US97/21812 was a CIP of Application No. 08/980,058 filed Nov. 26, 1997. Application No. 08/980,058 claims benefit of Application No. 60/031,855 filed November 29, 1996; Application No. 60/032,207 filed December 2, 1996; Application No. 60/033,871 filed December 20, 1996; Application No. 60/066,313 filed November 21, 1997; and Application No. 60/066,415 filed November 24, 1997.